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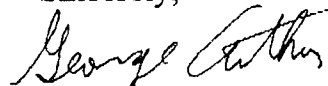
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The settlement with Microsoft in the antitrust case should be approved in the best public interest of America. The settlement was reached only after three months of negotiations with a court-appointed mediator. What is more, the terms of the settlement represent reasonable compromises of the positions of the parties, and will be beneficial to the American computer technology industry as a whole.

The settlement will make it easier for computer software and hardware companies to work with and modify Microsoft's Windows operating system. With disclosure by Microsoft of the internal interfaces and server protocols by which Windows works with programs and other computers, computer companies will be able to find better ways to work with Windows. This can only encourage growth in this industry.

I would appreciate your support of the Microsoft settlement. The Federal Court should approve the settlement. Thank you.

Sincerely,


George Arthur